

**In the Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) Plastic nut to be fitted to a component (1) having an aperture (2), which, ~~with~~ includes a nut piece (11) adapted for insertion into the aperture (2) and which has an insertion hole (22) that serves ~~serving~~ to hold a screw (28), ~~can be plugged into the aperture (2) and which, a flange (3) in order to bear on one side (4) of the component (1), is provided with a flange (3) which wherein the flange (3) has a through hole (10) for the screw (28) and, a separate sealing washer (6) integrally provided on its a side of the flange (3) facing the component (1), has a sealing washer (6) and, in order to bear on the other side (14) of the component (1), is provided with and~~ and snap-action hooks (12, 13) to bear on an opposite side (14) of the component (1) and which, after insertion, spread out as the screw (28) is tightened in the accommodation insertion hole (22) in the plastic nut ~~and therefore to~~ secure the plastic nut to the component (1), characterized in that the sealing washer (6) completely surrounds ~~has at its outer rim a shoulder (7) which encloses the flange (3) with a shoulder (7) embracing an outer edge of the flange (3) and projects beyond the thickness of the latter and, from its inner rim, merges into a collar (9) which projects~~ projecting into the through hole (10).

2. (Currently Amended) Plastic nut according to Claim 1, characterized in that, ~~on its inner side,~~ the shoulder (7) is beveled on an inner side in such a way that its thickness decreases in the direction away from the ~~flange (3) the nut piece (11).~~

3. (Currently Amended) Plastic nut according to Claim 2, characterized in that the outer edge (16) of the flange (3) is ~~bevelled to accord~~ beveled in accordance with the bevel of the shoulder (7).

4. (Currently Amended) Plastic nut according to Claim 1, characterized in that ~~the outer rim of~~ the shoulder (7) merges into a sealing lip (17) oriented towards the nut piece (11).

5. (Currently Amended) Plastic nut according to Claim 1, characterized in that the sealing washer (6) merges from its a side facing away from the flange (3) into a ring (18) that projects into the aperture (2).

6. Canceled.

7. (Previously Presented) Plastic nut according to Claim 1, characterized in that the collar (9) projects beyond the flange (3) with an extension (19).

8. (Currently Amended) Plastic nut according to Claim 1, characterized in that ~~the~~ a region of the flange (3) that is covered by the sealing washer (6) and faces the component (1) is provided with protrusions (21).

9. (Previously Presented) Plastic nut according to Claim 1, characterized in that the sealing washer (6) comprises a compressible spacer (5) that connects the flange (3) and the nut piece (11) in one piece.

10. (Currently Amended) Plastic nut according to Claim 1, characterized in that the ~~accommodation~~ insertion hole (22) for the screw (28) is formed as a blind hole.

11. (Previously Presented) Plastic nut according to Claim 1, characterized by single-piece formation by injection moulding with a sealing washer (6) injected onto the flange (3).